

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

These amendments and remarks are filed in response to the final Office Action of November 29, 2005. The submission of this response falls within two months of the mailing of the final action. In the Applicant's respectful submission, no fees are due in connection with the filing of this response. If the Applicant is mistaken, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this and subsequent replies to deduct any fees any credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-2400 for any additional fees required and, in particular, extension of time fees.

In the final action of November 29, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claims 9 and 19 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if placed in independent form. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of former claims 8 and 9. Claim 17 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of former claims 18 and 19. Claims 8 and 9, 18, and 19 have been deleted. Independent claim 11 also has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 8 and 9. Claim 10 has been amended to correct a typographical error in the preamble. Following entry of the amendments, sixteen claims remain pending in the application.

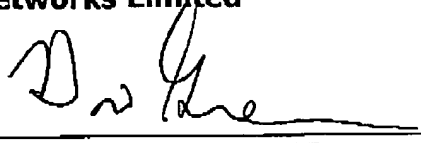
In the Applicant's respectful submission, the foregoing amendments place independent claims 1, 11, and 17 in condition for allowance. For the same reasons, dependent claims 2-7, 10, 12-16, and 20, are also in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and comments, the Applicant respectfully solicits a timely Notice of Allowance and early issuance of this application. If there are any remaining issues that need to be addressed in order to place this application in the condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the

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